



London Diocesan Council
Of
The Catholic Women's League of Canada

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To: All Regional Chairpersons and All Parish Presidents
From: Marie-Theresa Lamphier, President, London Diocesan Council
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Diocesan Project – Blessed Oscar Romero

This project ties in nicely with the Holy Year of Mercy. Don't forget to keep praying for the canonization of Blessed Oscar Romero, at least once a week but definitely at your council meetings. Let's get all of our members involved by studying, praying and celebrating **Blessed Osacr Romero!** Take pictures of your members doing works of mercy. You may need some for the convention. More details to come!

Ornaments: Just a reminder that if you haven't returned the money from the sale of your ornaments, please do so as soon as possible. I am sure everyone was able to find someone to give or sell an ornament to. The fundraising is an integral part of every convention. I am hoping that everyone is doing their part in buying and or selling an ornament.

International Day of Prayer an Awareness against Human Trafficking: February 8th is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, a Canossian Sister who was kidnapped and sold into slavery at a very young age. When she was released, she chose to enter a religious order and spent the rest of her life helping the poor and the suffering. Please take time as a group to take a moment of silence to reflect on the atrocities of Human Trafficking. A prayer service can be found on the CWL National website at cwl.ca entitled "Human Trafficking Prayer Service". After the prayer there are more suggestions of activities you or your council may like to use.

Life Members and Past Presidents Social Justice Award: A little disappointed that no one was nominated for this award, especially in this year when we are focusing on Blessed Oscar Romero who worked tirelessly for justice for one and all. Keep your eyes and ears open and see what you can do for next year!

Spiritual Advisor's Bursary and J. L. Hennessey Burary Applications: The Spiritual Advisor's Bursary is available to League members only, and the J. L. Hennessey Bursary is available to any League member or her immediately family. Applications are available from your Regional Chairperson or on the Diocesan website. Both of these are due by **April 1st, 2016.** Please do not procrastinate as letter outlining financial need, and letter from your pastor are required, besides the application.

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Privacy Policy: Good news! There is no need to get signatures for use of photos in publications (new ruling from government privacy office.)

Testimonial Video: is available on the CWL.ca website and the documentary "Women on a Mission" that was done on the National Convention last year can still be seen if you type in "Women on a Mission Salt & Light Documentary" on your browser. You will probably see a lot of faces that you recognize.

Diocesan Convention in Sarnia: Last but not least, the Diocesan Convention is quickly approaching. You will be receiving your package shortly, if you haven't already done so. Please look it over and complete registration forms. This is an election year and we have two resolutions coming to the floor and interesting speakers and topics. It will be a very exciting time! Hope to see you there!

New Members are still welcomed! Still not too late to register, but please do so before the end of February in order to receive the League Magazine. Have you asked someone to join recently?

May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to bless you in all you do!

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